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1. "Local demand for crude and products in Free foreign countries during 1953 was at a new peak level averaging about 4,726,000 b/d. This was a gain of 341,000 b/d or 7.8% over 1952. In addition, shipments of foreign oil to the US increased 98,000 b/d or 10.3% for the year.
2. "Foreign crude production and runs to stills consequently were also at record high levels. Crude production was 5,366,000 b/d or 8.2% above 1952. Iraq showed the principal gain, 191,000 b/d or 50%, while Venezuela declined somewhat. Crude runs to stills approximated 4,705,000 b/d in 1953, up 333,000 b/d or 7.6%. Most of the gain was in Western Europe, whereas total Caribbean operations were at a reduced volume because of even greater curtailment in the NWI.
3. "Receipts of Soviet-bloc oil into Free Europe totaled 34,000 b/d, almost double the 1952 volume.

Thousands of B/D	1953	1952	Volume	Change %
<u>Demand</u>				
Local Demand	4,726	4,385	+341	+ 7.8
Exports to US	1,050	952	+ 98	+10.3
Total Demand	5,776	5,337	+439	+ 8.2
<u>Supply</u>				
Crude Oil Production				
Venezuela	1,766	1,805	- 39	- 2.2
Iran	28	28	-	-
Iraq	576	385	+191	+49.6
Saudi Arabia	845	825	+ 20	+ 2.4
Kuwait	861	747	+114	+15.3
Bel. Middle East	115	99	+ 16	+16.2
Total Middle East	2,425	2,084	+341	+16.4

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Thousands of B/D	1953	1952	Change	
			Volume	%
Other Foreign	1,175	1,072	+103	+ 9.6
Total Crude Production	5,366	4,951	+415	+ 8.2
Nat Gaso, Synthetics, etc.	62	59	+ 3	+ 5.1
Total Local Supply	5,428	5,020	+408	+ 8.1
Imports from US	401	432	- 31	- 7.2
Imports from Communist area	34	18	+ 16	+88.9
Total Supply	5,863	5,470	+393	+ 7.2
Change in Stocks	+ 87	+ 133	- 46	
Crude Runs to Stills				
Canada	424	380	+ 44	+11.6
Caribbean	1,256	1,292	- 36	- 2.8
Western Europe	1,649	1,449	+200	+13.8
Middle East	501	455	+ 46	+10.1
Other Foreign	875	796	+ 79	+ 9.9
Total Crude Run	4,705	4,372	+333	+ 7.6

4. "Detailed local demand" figures are presently available for 66 foreign countries for 1953. They consumed an aggregate total of 3,836,000 b/d or 350,000 b/d - 10% - more than in 1952.

Details of Local Demand				
Canada	510.9	466.2	+ 44.7	+ 9.6
Argentina	181.9	179.6	+ 2.3	+ 1.3
Brazil	145.9	128.0	+ 17.9	+14.0
Chile	25.7	26.5	- 0.8	- 3.0
Colombia	34.6	29.5	+ 5.1	+17.3
Cuba	50.0	48.0	+ 2.0	+ 4.2
Neth W Indies	100.4	111.0	- 10.6	- 9.5
Panama Canal Zone	13.5	13.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Peru	33.0	30.1	+ 2.9	+ 9.6
Puerto Rico	20.2	18.1	+ 2.1	+11.6
Uruguay	25.2	22.7	+ 2.5	+11.0
Venezuela	99.0	96.1	+ 2.9	+ 3.0
17 Other LA Countries	42.7	38.4	+ 4.3	+11.2
Total 29 WR Countries	1,283.0	1,207.3	+ 75.7	+ 6.3
Belgium	74.9	69.2	+ 5.7	+ 8.2
Denmark	44.2	40.2	+ 4.0	+10.0
France	330.2	294.7	+ 35.5	+12.0
Germany, W	157.2	132.9	+ 24.3	+18.3
Italy	173.3	145.4	+ 27.9	+19.2
Netherlands	104.9	99.3	+ 5.6	+ 5.6
Norway	40.9	38.9	+ 2.0	+ 5.1
Sweden	114.5	101.4	+ 13.1	+12.9
United Kingdom	483.8	446.3	+ 37.5	+ 8.4
3 Other European Countries	62.8	56.7	+ 6.1	+10.8
Total 12 European Countries	1,586.7	1,425.0	+ 161.7	+11.3
Algeria	28.8	27.8	+ 1.0	+ 3.6
Egypt	91.1	87.7	+ 3.4	+ 3.9
3 Other N African Countries	32.5	23.1	+ 9.4	+40.7
Total 5 N African Countries	152.4	138.6	+ 13.8	+10.0
Saudi Arabia	40.4	40.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
19 Stan-Vac Countries	773.4	675.0	+ 98.4	+14.6
Total 37 E H Countries	2,552.9	2,278.6	+ 274.3	+12.0
Total 66 Foreign Countries	3,835.9	3,485.9	+ 350.0	+10.0
Indicated Foreign Balance	890.1	899.1	- 9.0	- 1.0
Total Local Demand	4,726.0	4,385.0	+ 341.0	+ 7.8

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